

Notice of Intent to Solicit Comments on Proposed Rate Increase for Child Care Providers

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board is soliciting comments on a proposed rate increase for licensed and regulated child care providers in the workforce area. The area includes: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties. If approved, proposed changes would increase the Current Maximum Rate for Infants and Toddlers to the Proposed Maximum Rate as shown below. The Board's Maximum Rate is the maximum amount that Workforce Solutions may reimburse a provider. Providers who have published rates higher than the Board's maximum rate may only receive the Board's maximum rate.

Infant and Toddler **Current and Proposed Maximum Rate Comparison**

Infants	Current Maximum Rate	Proposed Maximum Rate
Licensed Centers (Full Time)	32.91	32.91
Licensed Centers (Part Time)	21.69	25.06
Licensed Homes (Full Time)	22.37	26.13
Licensed Homes (Part Time)	17.09	20.67
Registered Homes (Full Time)	21.10	25.76
Registered Homes (Part Time)	14.92	19.28
Toddlers	Current Maximum Rate	Proposed Maximum Rate
Licensed Centers (Full Time)	27.05	28.31
Licensed Centers (Part Time)	20.69	23.40
Licensed Homes (Full Time)	19.17	24.91
Licensed Homes (Part Time)	15.45	19.48
Registered Homes (Full Time)	18.54	24.16
Registered Homes (Part Time)	12.36	21.18

Interested individuals or organizations may submit comments to Carol Kimmick at carol.kimmick@wrksolutions.com, or in writing to;

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The deadline to receive comments is Friday, January 16, 2015.